

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as shown below.

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus for reading only file directory
2 information stored on a separately portable self contained data storage device, the
3 portable apparatus not in communication with a personal computer, the apparatus
4 comprising:
5 a handheld housing;
6 a drive component for reading the file directory information on the data
7 storage device;
8 a loading mechanism for receiving the data storage device and retaining
9 the data storage device such that the drive component reads the file directory [file]
10 information on command;
11 a processor programmed to read and communicate only the file directory
12 information; and
13 a visual display operably connected to the drive component through the
14 processor for viewing only the file directory information contained on the data
15 storage device.
- 1 2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 and further comprising a printer
2 to print the file directory information retrieved from the data storage device by the
3 drive component.
- 1 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the visual display is a liquid crystal
2 display.
- 1 4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drive component
2 reads magnetic storage media.
- 1 5. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drive component
2 reads optical storage media.

- 1 6. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus for reading only file directory
2 [content] contents of a separately portable data storage device, the portable
3 apparatus not in communication with a personal computer, the apparatus
4 comprising:
5 a handheld housing;
6 a drive component disposed within the housing to read the data storage
7 device;
8 a processor programmed to read and communicate only the file directory
9 content;
10 a display disposed on the housing and connected to the drive component
11 through the processor for viewing the file directory [content] contents; and
12 a printer operably connected to the drive component through the processor
13 to print the file directory content contained on the display.
- 1 7. (Original) The portable apparatus of claim 6 wherein the printer is located within
2 the housing.
- 1 8. (Original) The portable apparatus of claim 6 wherein the printer is an attachable
2 unit.
- 1 10. (Currently Amended) A method of reading only file directory information
2 contained on a portable data storage device, the method comprising:
3 inserting the data storage device into a loading mechanism of a portable
4 handheld file reader apparatus;
5 with a processor, reading and communicating only the file directory
6 information; and
7 viewing only the file directory information contained on the data storage
8 device, as read and communicated by the processor, through a display screen.
- 1 11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 10 and further comprising:
2 printing the file directory information.

- 1 12. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 11 in which the printing is onto an
2 adhesive label.
- 1 13. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus for reading only file directory
2 information from a separately portable self contained data storage device, the
3 portable apparatus comprising:
4 at least one data storage drive for reading the file directory information
5 from at least one respective type of data storage device;
6 a processor connected to the data storage drive programmed to read and
7 communicate only the file directory information; and
8 an output device connected to the processor for providing the file directory
9 information contained on the data storage device.
- 1 14. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output
2 device is a visual display.
- 1 15. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output
2 device is a liquid crystal display.
- 1 16. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which the output
2 device is a printer.
- 1 17. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 16, in which the printer is
2 located within the apparatus.
- 1 18. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in combination with a
2 portable printer which is separate from and attachable to the portable apparatus.
- 1 19. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which at least one
2 drive component is a magnetic storage drive.
- 1 20. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which at least one
2 drive component is an optical storage drive.

- 1 21. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 13, in which there are two
2 drive components.
- 1 22. (Previously Added) The portable apparatus of claim 21, in which one drive
2 component is a magnetic storage drive and another drive component is an optical
3 storage drive.